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As he happened to have some brown paint on hand, he used that on the rack, although any other dark paint or stain would serve the same purpose.
"What a comfort that will be!" said Frank's teacher as he gave her the pretty little book-rack, and Frank wondered why he hadn't thought of

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S.S. Saturday P.M.

Oct. 2 1926

My Dearest Dear Ones:

I expect Daddy Si will think this is for more sensible paper at least it won't be so hard to follow the pages - + I rather feel the mood I'm in at present may require many pages. We just first had fun getting it - so you must appreciate this paper - (Esther Anderson + the girl in the cabin with me - going under Lutheran Board) + Asked for some paper and the Chinese "boy" first gave me 2 sheets for both — She asked for some + the same "no" 2 sheets came again so I went down where he was + just asked him for the tablet with 2 sheets. He just looked funny - held up his hands + spoke Chinese - giving the impression - Stoh opeless - I don't understand + can't stay you! It was surely funny - to not sound so on paper + six weeks later. One does have a queer feeling - when they go on talking back in Chinese - you never know whether its blessing you they are or not!!

Am on board the "Liensching" bound for Liintsin + from there will take the train for Peking. It is an English boat - with excellent accomadations. far beyond what I ever expected for the orient - However it is the

2) best of the coasting steamers. They all have first class for foreigners with foreign food + accomodations. You can see the difference our fare is $90.00 mexican or $45 in gold U.S. currency + the Chinese steerage or deck passengers $10. mex. There are about 25 or 30 first class + 300 steerage + we have about ⅓ of the boat. Truly those steerage conditions are terrible!! How they stand that air + the odors — we were nearly knocked down when the holds were open for unloading. The English language is just simply destitute of words to describe Chinese smells - the odors of a Chinese section of city, market etc — We left Shanghai Wed P.M. at 3 o'clock. We are late leaving to begin with + have had adverse winds + tides so will miss the tide to get in over the bar into the river on which Tientsin is built. We should have arrived this morning sometime + even to Peking by late P.M. but will be evening Sunday now. I'm sorry too + for the welcome that at Peking tonight the Pres. compound is giving a reception for its new comers which would have been enjoyable I'm sure - to meet all + to know who's who but anyway there will be time for that in the coming year. We've had such an enjoyable voyage — haven't been seasick at all + have gotten more acquainted than on the former ones. There are many advantages in coming by boat. It is more expensive than by train + slower but too I don't have to pay excess on luggage - didn't on Jackson + the trains are so crowded with Chinese soldiers + sometimes they have refused

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all but hand luggage + there is always a clause of the soldiers commandeering trains at any juction. It has been terribly hot interior + this of course is cool. These are some of the things which made them send me this way. We are with Dr. + Mrs. Innis those friends of Mella White's from Portland. I enjoy them very much + am so glad to be in their party. Then on the other side - the folks at Yokohama all wrote letters to Shanghai asking me to stop off + visit the station. Thy wrote such nice welcoming letters. I guess this having been over the path before made them know just what to do to make it nice for us. I had no expectation of receiving mail at Shanghai + how were 2 lonely ones. I know they'll be sorry + I was too but I really wasn't free to choose + they'll understand. Really, tho the biggest joy of it all was to see Grace Fraser last nite at Cheefoo. Truly, I never spent such a short two hours. Because of the cholera in Shanghai our boat had to wait in harbor before landing to have the Dr. examine us. As we were late the officers feared he wouldn't come till

4 morning & then they said he usually was so persnickety! It was quite tantalizing here we were harbored — five min from shore - Smart knowing when or if at all I'd see Grace & she is the same fix on shore. The 1st officer said we'd be lucky later in the evening but I know there is more than "luck" in it that the Dr. came at once almost & gave such a short easy inspection - didn't even call the roll as usual — Then the company launch came out & Grace, bless her heart, was not forgotten for my hat & we were soon in a rickshaw riding up along the foreign paved road with vines clambering up the wall. There are about 14 U.S. destroyers at anchor at Chefoo — up from Manilla & Shanghai to escape the heat — Their lights made a beautiful display in the darkness. On shore we saw many "gobs" - but many we'd not be at all proud of. Liquor can't be gotten on board or at Manilla — so Chinese & Japs just load up for them. An officer said signs are all over "Welcome U.S. Navy". We saw a lot of them drunk & made us heartsick.

They (Grace & a man from mission) took me to their compound. It is one of largest in China - girls & boys school & primary. It goes thru H.S. - a C.I.M. school for missionary children. Hudson Taylor bought it for from Chinese part of city on a high bluff - now it is built up to it with foreign buildings. I didn't get to go over to our Pres. mission. They showed it to me tho - its location. We only had

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two hours on shore. It was a sweet visit + we surely did enjoy it. Grace is a dear + it meant so much to me to see her. She wrote to me at Vancouver - a steamer letter I mean, + was so sorry I didn't get it. She brought such a beautiful center piece of Swatow embroidery on such fine linen. It was lovely + a beautiful gift. She is nursing missy. Kiddies + the sick missy who come in. It is a nice place + she has a comfy room + at the present situation in the interior it is well she is here. She brought me back to the ship + I did late to see her go back. We watched them load + unload + talked in at eleven - watch hands was we caught this a.m. so we were about one + one-half hours late. to breakfast - tho it didn't matter. This has been a lazy trip. I have'nt written any letters at all - guess I got written out on the Jackson. We have a decidedly English group of passengers. It is most amusing to hear their accent + drawl + unusual expressions. There are many of the upper social class I presume - they have their cocktail before lunch + dinner and one lady with 2 children smoking all the time. It is the most disgusting performance to see her holding the little boy + puffing on her cigarette. There a couple of young men

6] ... Germans - business men - representing german firms. One is seated at our table + the other were talked to quite a little. It is surely interesting to get their viewpoint on many subjects. They feel that America did a terrible thing by entering the war for of course they feel they'd have won if we had not. One I've had long discussions on religion with "He isn't saved I'm sure - but god can work miracles yet. I do couldn't conceive why I'd leave home to live interior of China! There is a missy now - conversing with the others just in - stat - been in Honan for over 20 years - + going back in - right into the battle center. We surely have had little news of China etc. The feeling toward foreigners isn't any worse but the war between the chinese military leaders is worse than been there for years. Feng is now in South, having been driven from the North + almost thrown into the Southern Reds or Bolshivists + Cantonese - Wei Pei Fu seems to be in ascendancy now. The only hope seems - if one could be strong enuf to hold all the others. Mr. B was just said - the foreign powers if all would combine could battle China and stop fighting in a month but - it would be a case of always having to keep the guns on - the minute removed - political troubles be resumed - Many Chinese would welcome foreign intervention for sake of peace. Then on the other hand is the anti - foreign feeling - it almost would make foreign intervention impossible like he says it is like this - Nations will be "damned if they don't helps and damned

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if they don't help + so it is a muddled hopeless hodgepodge — but we can only do our bit — get language + preach Christ while the time is open — We of course in Peking are safe + sound so don't let all this general talk disturb you or to my safety personally! And even so we are center of God's will + there is safety.

I haven't told you at all about Shanghai We landed about 6 p.m. went up the river quite a way + then took a launch back to the customs dock. I went to make + worked out my declaration list of household effects (that was on slips) but it wasn't necessary really; we got off + luggage was carried off + such pandemonium! coolies running every direction + if you see one of your first get after it + when you've chased it all down the customs official asked a few questions + put chalk mark on it + you're off. The missionary from coolie was there + he seems just remarkable — looks after a dozen people's luggage + is as cool + affable. We just got our hand baggage that night + left all the rest for this man. The next a.m. they opened all my boxes — he said just opened but didn't unpack — tho as Ray the clerk that rug of Mrs. Hugel's out + couldn't get it back in!

8] They nailed all up securely - with it out! What you said would happen was true - that if they took it out they'd never get it back in! So I am carrying my steamer rug + tan coat + that rug in my steamer strap! But I guess I'll arrive all set! I dread to take out the things — I'll have to get another box, I fear. I wasn't charged any customs at all — customs tax — so much per piece - that's #1.00. Well, Shanghai is a queer mixture of the East + West - the waterfront has quite a "new York skyline". The Bund is a wide paved street - many autos + big high buildings - of course this foreign concession. Has street cars etc. Nanking Road has foreign stores — Dodge cars, victrolas, radios, foreign clothes. There are two large department stores — quite like Meier + Frank's which gave me such distaste! Here were fine chinese things along side cheaper American + English things - which we would think junkie - + lots of really fine American things. I do love the Chinese pretty things + hope I can use them pleasingly to them — not as often do ours! They told of visiting the Chinese Emperor expecting to see priest of chinese rugs etc out on the floor found linoleum Anyway I hope to use native things if possible.

Had rats down there too. The missionary home is a big rambling collection of houses owned + run by Miss Spurling. Have very good food - ice cream every day in summer for sake of those interior who can't get it. It was $3.50 mex per day. There was such a crowd that we stayed at the home of Mrs. Evans - a dear little English lady whose husband is under C.I.M. but she + family live there. She sold back from

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health. We took a taxi one day + went thro French concession - fine homes + spacious grounds
Foreign
Houses are all large, of brick with verandas
on each floor - To be ~~accom~~ quite for the heat.
Went to South Gate, Pres.. visited girl's + boy's schools
+ saw the native church built + planned +
paid for entirely by native money. It is surely
fine. Dr. Sibley - one of old missys said it was
their own idea to have a ~~table~~ tabled choir — add
dignity + take interest from clothes etc -
We drove thru a chinese market - the stinker should
it have taken us - a little narrow street, piled full with
baskets of fish, vegetables + the rest I can't
name + the farther we went the worse the
smell!! I said — really I'm afraid my nose is
turning up + I don't want it to"! Awful smells!!
The Kidders - (wife + 3 kiddies are marooned in
Shanghai unable to get up to their station) Helen
+ I went together. I spoke of meeting Mr. Patton
Sec of China Council in New York — he was re
ported to us + his wife is just dear. Mrs. Wells too
whose husband is now Pres. of China Council was
very nice to us. Treasurer of mission met
us + gave us Chinese money at the boat.

I'll have to tell this incident - just to let
you know some of our excitement - but
don't worry about it. We took a rickshaw

10 | to go to the home Mrs Kidder + I and at one street a coolie on bycycle didnt stop quite as quickly as mine thought he should have - so he hit him on the side of the head, knocking him, bycycle over + his money just flew. Then a crowd gathered + they talked angrily + mine stopped to fight - I crawled out - about to take another - but he went on mumbling + a man following talking. I was afraid to pay him what (Mex 11+12) he had decided (5 coppers for fear he'd jump onto me. (If you pay more they know you're green + just wrangle for more but it is so hard to know what is fair or what they expect.) I gave him 20 + he just talked so fast + wouldnt let me in the house. I asked another who could speak + he said it enuf. At last our Home baggage man settled him + told me to give him 2 more coppers - just to keep "his face". W hew - I felt I'd give him almost anything. Mrs Kidder said nothing at 15; But mine was just mean. Had a very interesting group at table at Missy Home - all old missys + they enjoyed telling stories - partly for my benefit. A Mr. + Mrs Grafton of Southern Pres. at Haichow were especially nice to me + took me to see me off at the boat. Asked me to visit them some summer - a year from this coming on. They have a fine beach there. Maybe will, I'll see. Hated to see Helen + Miss Wright leave Shanghai they left Lucy with bags + suitcases piled up in rickshas!

I'll write again from Peking + let you know all the happenings in arrival + language work, + dorm etc. I hope the letter from Japan reached you all right - I can never

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attempt an equal for it.
We've just had a paper from Cheefoo with the news of Al Smith's nomination for Dem party on wet platform! D'see ever you have to change your politics Daddy dear. Print this enuf dry democrats to split it + make another party. D expect they missed Bryan for a good conservative balance. That's all the news D've heard,

D didn't tell you D had a letter in Shanghai from Arnold Strange: he asked if the circular letter reached me telling of their trip. If its true read it + send it on. Grace told me how at Hanchow they got the first train which had run for days + the next day the train was wrecked killing 70. And the river voyage which was most uncomfortable a brisk wind came + in 2 days they made the whole trip - Then outside a village where they'd expected to get money a man writing to send money to America came + asked to sell him a check + he gave them native money. In the city they found they were unable to get any at all, so the Lord had in a marvelous way prospered + guided + enabled them to reach their station amid all manner of trouble. as this C. I. M. man says we've

12) waiting at all to worry about it the Lordour living God has sent us out! He will provide and care for us. Just it blessed + we can have peace thru it all. — tho miles apart we are in the secret place of the most High and in His love + care. In so many many ways I can see the evidence that John 15:14 is absolutely true. Truly He goes before + in the little sweet ways thru is many token of His love and care. That brings such rest to one's heart! and I praise Him for it!

I'll add another line later —

We've had inspection at each port as I told you + then at 10:30 were waiting for the Dr. We were just on the verge of crawling into bed + had to dress so I'll write more. All the steerage passengers were up on deck — cold too I imagine. I keep told one of German ers tonight of a wreck here in the river near Hankow 3 mo. ago with the Rhine-land loaded tight with beans + beans swelled so they burst off the sides of boat! We took it as a huge joke just he assured us it was true! An insurance man too said it was! Well maybe! This is a strange land!! We were tickled anyway + the very idea gave us a good laugh, a bit to the Germans discomfort!

Well, dears, I want to mail this at Shanghai in A.M. so it will be speeding back. I wonder if you've had any mail except Victoria by now — I sure am thankful for your dearest ones!! What precious memories of the good times, the love and happiness. Surely all love been so marvelous to me + I do love you so! Take good care of yourselves. Earl, I'm expecting you to make good!! Tell me all about the Springs + all Daddy Si-see I'm expecting a letter from you. Mumsie darling, how I love you — Bye for now — Dear ones in Him. Love.

Tues. Eve.
October 5.
at School

My blessed dear Ones:

Ah!! the first precious letters came from home today after I came back from this P.M. classes here on the little table downstairs were 2 letters from you precious Mumsie darling, and those paid for-worded! I can't describe the great joy in my heart from those letters! - the first ones must have a special place but a girl who's been here a year says it is just the same now. Mumsie your description of the boat being and all is just precious to me. I love marvelously

3) to have it. We may be able to get some here tho I rather doubt it so for. In Shanghai we could buy it but is is very expensive there. Don't bother now to get some especially - only I thought I'd tell you in future to send it. You don't know how glad I am for the bits of home doings like the canning, + washing etc. Once during the war I heard a soldier in France who said just the "homey news" of someone building a barn or buying a cow was so great! I can in a sense appreciate that

I have donut one + how it is a proof of gods help and all! I'm glad you had some time with Harry + Anna + Joe's then with Dons. I was so sorry about the babies being sick - and all but rejoice that they are better and a turn for the good. I feel sure all are well by now. So Ray had to wait a week for Roseburg - It will all work out well I know - am eager to hear of the outcome.

I am glad to know Daddy Si now Dr. + is taking care of himself + you're apt to spring + back by now. That was just right to keep the candy as you went sure. I feel now that any time you want to send any - or if any comes - it will be fine

4 now. In the great change, new environment + all, all there comes a bit of unreality about things + those little common news items seem to make that definite connection with home more real. I never feel that I am far away from you but still there comes a bit of that I mentioned. Don't work so hard, mumsie dear. Glad Buds were down + am just trusting for his work. I know it will be alright. Would liked to have seen Lyman + Mrs. M. How I value + count on your prayers. I met such a nice lady at mine. Home in Shanghai and this remark stayed with me. "It makes

such a difference if one is
much prayed for by those at
home. I know that you
are praying + I am for all of
you. What precious folks
I have!!

Now am settled in Room 522
at the language school. I
am really here and just can
scarcely believe it!! In
Peking - China + can speak
a few + understand a few
more Chinese words!! —
I'll begin to from the
letter on the boat.

We were delayed in arriving
in Tientsin till Sun. In the
a.m early we were in the
W.C.O Rice + looked out to
see mud all around us

full of animals, carts etc. The fields near were green. There were many cone-shaped of dirt mounds all along some larger, smaller etc. They were graves of ancestors and the larger the mound the older + greater the ancestor. We reached Tientsin about 3: and such bedlam + confusion a reigned on that dock! A Mr. Bevis of C. I. M. helped us. We saw we could not make that 4-train so waited till part of din of coolies + baggage subsided. Then Mr. B bargained with coolies - began by offering them 60 ℔ + they wanting $4 to put our 12 boxes + trunks on a truck + pull our to the station. It was such

& seemingly a few yards of thinner mud-water. We were waiting for the tide. By the time ~~it~~ it was over it was well in but strong wind delayed us as the river is very narrow & winding & has a treacherous channel and they feared wind carrying us to the shore. About eleven we began a most interesting trip but this very winding river thru an intirely intiresting intrior all along were small villages houses made of mud & some straw mixed in. They seemed huddled together no any trees or green in village proper - are story buildings - courtyard quite

8 such a funny proceeding! at last they agreed on $2 which we had decided to pay. Then coolies carried them out of the hole + piled them on truck. Soon great amazement when all were on the men who had carried out piled up on top + 2 or 3 other coolies pulled the whole thing— It was a funny procession. Dr. + Mrs. Uhl walked along to see + Miss Anderson + I waited at the boat. As they walked rickshaw coolies followed behind them calling "ya" — We laughed at it — the men on top the coolies following. — They followed then almost all of the way to the depot

9 We rested on boat + had tea - decided to stay there over night - cheaper than hotels and easier since we were there $6.50 for it + hotels about $12. (There is an Astor House there + Shanghai + they are beautiful hotels !!) Just as we arrived at Tientsin an old Chinese too eager to see his son ~~eager to~~ ~~the~~ gang plank, tried to jump overboard to the pier - missed it + was swirled under the ship. Later in the evening they dragged for his body + found it. They asked $15.00 however before they would surrender the body to the son. He didn't have it so then it was kept till the son

11/ saw soldiers of all the
time. Thee is a Russian one
~~too~~ across the river. U.S. has
troops there also. One
street further on was Chinese.
We enjoyed the little shops
opening right onto street
& the many queer signs —
all the queer collection of
English words "Jailor - We
do bort bodies & Gentlemen"
— passed a garage where
night man was playing
a queer musical instrument.
Mon. had 6:30 breakfast.
Then the great task of checking
baggage began. I would
have missed the express
for much! All our junk
piled on us in rickshaws &
off to depot. I am so glad

could get the money. There is a bit of the lordness & cruelty of heathenism.

The second officer asked me to go abroard to train in a fortified place in city but I thought not at all the wise plan. Mr. & Mrs. Ulmis had little trouble then with baggage. We had dinner & then all & this officer met for a walk thru the city. There are fine, clean, wide streets lined with big stone houses, clubs, shops etc in British, German & French concessions. Over there is a President Woodrow Wilson street in the German concession. We

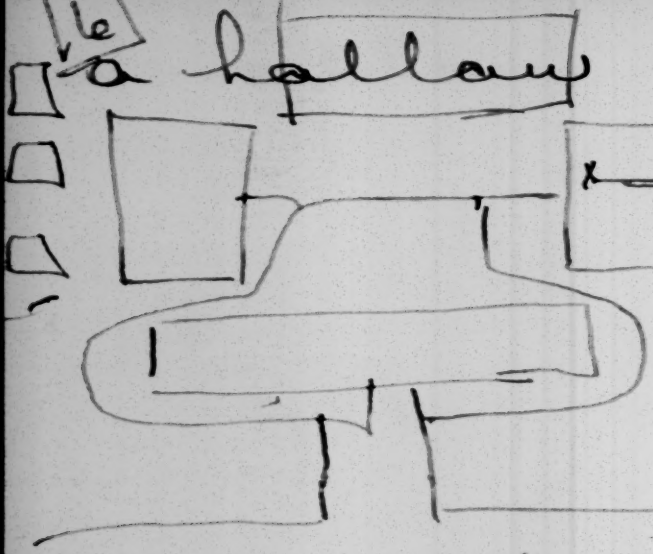
12 for a few valuable Chinese words "dung ē dung" = wait a minute + it is simply a gold mine! My rickshaw coolie a young boy started racing with another + puts - I shouted "dung ē dung" + he stopped. = The depot was crowded even so early. We had to guard our luggage to keep several doz. coolies from pouncing on it + after I had Shanghai paper money. 1st. get it changed for Sinitic money - (at a loss) then to buy tickets - check baggage - he made us understand that my three boxes (because nailed up - not hinged + locked) must have a customs permit — we

13 | dash across the street + a Russian German - can speak English so guess is a permit - after I display my itemized lists (they haven't been really needed but always help to avert trouble) + back to depot. Next get trunks + all weighed — a little scales + one man to do it — wrath fully 8 or 10 clamoring to be next! That eventually was done + all piled on truck now pay $1 for coolies to pull to train + load in the baggage car. Then we get on. Chinese Soldiers watched luggage + were curious over our kak boxes so by motions we

15] Drove most interesting — passed legations (coolies displaying their few English words with glee) Then we were well initiated to North China by a dust storm! We were quite covered + dirty when we arrived. The school seemed far out from depot 30 ¢ or 15 ¢ our money for rickshaw.

I wish I could do this place justice. After that dirty ride + the dirty streets it seemed heavenly! Enter a gate (with gateman + Chinese soldier) + there are 4 fine grey brick modern clean buildings built around

PM explained. Daddy Si it was surely well you roped that big trunk twice. At Suitin it had one dangling + arrived in my room minus that! all else came fine!! We had a compartment on the train. Had toast + tea at 10:30 At Peking the man from the School (another of those remarkable men whom you give your keys + receipts + then rest easy + he'll deliver your baggage to the room.) He put us in rickshas + bargained + off we came again. I am sure Peking will



a hallow square. They are class rooms + "hotels" where we room + eat. The tree to right are prof's houses front Inside are many tennis courts, + beautiful ~~grass~~ + flowers + young trees They are new + luxurious!! Living room (with Chinese rugs, big chairs, a fireplace (always lighted for dinner) pretty Chinese lamps etc. Our rooms are about like the dining room in size. have 2 chairs, table, dresser + clothes press + little bed on floor is fine bath room - + tubs. We have a

17 bottle of good water in our rooms for drinking + teeth
Get laundry done 3¢ each piece
+ an amah for 40¢ a day to
sew etc.

I found a mate here when I
came - Betty Turner from N.Y.C. I
was here. I was overjoyed.
She visited while I unpacked
+ out to make my bed etc.
We had a great old pow-wow.
I'm glad she's here. She had my
room moved over to this
bldg + on her floor. Tell
Aunt Callie she just raved
about my ticking clock +
it surely is cheery + fine. Tell
Mrs. Hugel - this is my only rug
+ I have enjoyed it already
+ to pay her for it - It
is such a big cheery spot on
the floor + so useful - I
step on it with such thanks

characters & writing but not now. We went for a walk down the street after classes + had fun using one word we'd learned. It is well I can talk with my hands — one can say lots!

May take an extra class will see later —

Have written so long I'm weary now — I'll close in the A.M. so it may get off soon. Pity-ute dear ones!

Good morning dear ones! Had such a nice sleep + have had an hour at Bible Study — am going to read 2 ch. in O.T. 1 in Prov. + 3 in N.T. each A.M. a Psalm at noon + keep it regularly if possible. Yes

18 fulness to her. The steamer rug, [redacted] is now my spread - I haven't any but my big rose colored one - it is too large for this cot so will save it + the curtains for my station later. Betty admired it too so much.

Our classes are from 8:45 to 12 + 2-4 P.M. We just sit + chime teacher for 45 min at a time talk chime to us. One is just marvelous by his acting + expression to make us get his meaning + understand him. We're getting so we can understand him but to say it is another thing. Later we say it + learn

the a.m before I read post which is 7:30. That will leave 30-45 min before class to write letters. Will try to keep somewhat of schedule to get all in. Murmuring Pines grounds in Glens Falls this a.m & frost.

How good the Father has been to us. In every way in answering our prayers. Truly we can praise Him. How praise Him for my blessed [redacted] & friends give my love to all & tell them I think & pray for them

Bye my loved ones. Irene Betty Turner - you met at M.B.I. asked about you Daddy Si - your Mother's picture was the first thing unpacked -

and back as quickly as you can

Oct. 14. 1926
Wed. P.M.

My Precious loved One:

Just stopped to date this - & it being good matter to remember your remark about my letters never being dated.

It has been just about a week since I mailed a letter and a very full one too. Somehow the days are very full already & I find time for extra reading & writing at a premium.

One evening last week, Mr. Bettis the principal of school invited all students who live out here to dinner to meet the representatives of various boards & mission who presented to us opportunities for service

tennis some almost every day
It is so tiresome sitting
so many hours that some
exercise is wonderful contrast
we often play from 12-12:30
to tone up for P.M. hours.
I surely enjoy the language
classes. The change of teacher
is so good. I told you a
bit of our head teacher -
tradition from previous
classes has called him
"dearest". He isn't pretty —
but one can't help admiring
& respecting him — Mr. Stein-
beck, Pres. of mission here —
calls him the best teacher
he ever had either here or
in America & he is marvelous
See he can't say a word of
English (in class at least
& most of them don't know

2 during the year. She were in
teaching
nature of English classes
mostly. A Methodist man
asked for Bible teachers so
Betty + I offered but a note
for come saying they'd arrang
ed PT Bible teachers so will
wait a little longer to see
if Pres. need us. Then will
see about an English class.
It is a good chance for con-
tact with the Chinese + we
ought to give some time
for others. I'd like a S.S class
on Sun A.M. rather than week
night but will see. The
Anglican church has asked
one of students here to get a
few for a choir + I'll help
in it - not that I'm a
song bird but will fill
a seat. Have played

4. English I am sure) and must get the thought over to us. He is a wonderful actor + has such an expressive face (many of the Chinese seem so impassive and inscrutable but a few - like him seem so different - it may be cultivated) ~~and leader~~. Today he wanted to give us idea of certain word as Sunday - used numbers and worked up from what we'd had. Then drew a picture of a church with a cross on top - appeared to walk to it (with a Bible from desk - sat in pantomime - sat down, represented one speaking - made of collection basket

5. of paper + mocked a choir. It was so funny and yet very fine. We don't know but think he is a Christian — time will tell —

Yesterday another teacher said in chime "all stood" read — and gave a perfect American sign for an audience to stand. We all stood tho it was unusual — you should have seen his face — he just looked amazed + like "what in the world have I done + how can I undo it. Surprise written on every feature! All laughed + he was so amused it was sometime before he could control himself. That sense

Two is a comparatively simple sound. Yesterday we learned to tell time, we can count to 100 — + have a number of nouns etc! This week they gave us so far five printed lesson sheets — Chinese characters on on column, English the romanization in another. It is surely interesting + I am sure will love it more + more.

Saturday an "amah" came. That is a Chinese woman who takes our little washing like hankies + stockings etc + washes + irons + the press dresses. The equipment isn't satisfactory for to do it us — we have to bring

& of humor too one doesn't get from the ordinary expression ones seen on the streets. It is all very interesting. By Friday last, we surely were weary but felt the week had meant much in progress. Of course we've only looked at the great mountain before us + the more we learn the greater the complications we see and difficulties in tones etc. Mr. Pettus came in to listen to us one day + had us say word for "2" (wo). Then he wrote on the black board five different words we were saying — baby, sheep, + three others — and

8. Besides — + she does it for 40¢ big money or 20¢ our U.S. money a day — + does it for two of us in one day so its really 10¢ each and she really does just beautiful work. We have to furnish her the soap tho. The soap problem its — I don't mean probln exactly but soap is very high here + quite precious. I surely am glad that I have as much as I have of things + so for I surely do not regret bringing one thing I have. One of the girls had such a bad cold has used my little stove for about a week to heat google water. Several days before a

9. married couple at our table used it when he had a cold. Be sure to tell Mrs. Norman how much we have used it already + how we appreciate it! Margaret said she'd never seen one heat so quickly. See we can't use the water in the taps to drink as it isn't boiled - Mrs. Walter would like much I think to have my shaping dish that is there - wish I had brought + sold it to her - but don't attempt any sending it yet will see if it is worthwhile.

By the way - you need not put the street address on letters hereafter. Yenching School of Chinese Studies is quite enough. She has

181 been some foreign mail in but I haven't had any since mon. from U.S. I had one from Grace at Chee too. The mail comes out here about 8 times a day - so we don't out in intermissions + between teaches to look thru the J + etc pigeon holes! I meant to say too that I'm so glad I brought that extra stamp. It is difficult to shop here in this way - we've so little time to go - + for most things one must take a rickrka + shops are scattered - one thing in this shop + one in another etc - so one can't accomplish much in a few minutes as there. I mentioned

111 (got started on this wrong way)
some having colds. It seems all have
been having them here - they say it is
a part of the adjustment. I began with
mine Sat eve. took some medicine etc -
felt better Sun. but didn't go out to
church at all. Just rested + read +
stayed in. Sat. eve. decided to have
dinner in room in bed so Betty had
hers sent up too, We had a good pow-
wow over the tea cups. I also mentioned
the cold - because I can tell you it
is practically over - a little hoarse-
ness - my usual kind - left but
otherwise and K.O. I am glad my
adjustment - is over so quickly 111
- I have no idea that it is but
that much in!

This P.M. Mr. Yahr (dearest) was giving
us words for various things + among them
were - "wife" - unmarried lady +
he was asking who were married + he
asked one obviously a bachelor if
he were married. He answered + as
quick as a wink Mr. Y. said "I have
you no money, I'll give you some!
Amid our laughter - Then Mr. Y. is so
sweet never to leave the joke on one
of us - he said "I have a wife I
have no money". He told us he has
two little children + just beamed
with pride + happiness + in
pantomine told us of taking his

12 children to chase + of rocking them + feeding them I never have seen anything more tender + sweet than when he speaks of his children! — It surely won't be hard to like the Chinese I am sure from even a few examples I have met. Our room boy is just so nice too. I like him — has been so kind + good about all my boxes etc!

The hectograph has been duly initiated + works so well but even so takes much time. Betty wrote hers on typewriter — I wish I had. taken time someplace — don't know when + learned to type made four pages + made 10 copies of

14 (can do to save duplicating as much as possible it will be a big help.

I was wondering - a lady on the boat whom I met said she saw my picture + write up in Sun. Journal — I mean Oregonian. What was it - Katherine's?

Will close for tonight dearest ones + add more to this later.

Sun Eve. Oct 17.

Dearest Ones: Will add some more to this epistle + get it off - before I have to put more postage on it — or make it miss a boat — Have written 13 letters today - Hope this week to get all off that I have the duplicated copy for. Will be very glad to.

The exchange on gold is no good

13] each. I wrote one short last night + took of Twenty copies off - will make another page tonight + send out if I can this week - That will answer all my steamer letters + those recent ones.

Pearl Rice's mother who visited at M. L. one winter just sent me a silver book mark a souvenir of the Jerqui-centinial. Wasn't it sweet of her to remember me after so long + then to write - Truly - I just marvel at the many many expressions of love of friends and I know it is not for myself but for Him for whom I come.

Will you please see that Japanese thing where you can + I believe the Ozarks, + Aurora + Bethel ladies might enjoy them. Any circulating you

5 now that I got some cooked 16.00 last week + got 2.97 extra out of it - enuf to get my lamp frame covered. It just came yesterday + is surely lovely! rose silk with hand painting + silk fringe it was $2. mex = $1 + a frame for center lamp for 80¢ or 40 U.S. I am so happy over them! They are so pretty + cozy. Soak some pictures down to get framed they'd be up this week then I'll fix up my room. We got a book case made - it will be up tomorrow I'm eager to get my books out but they are still packed up - out in the hall!!

Today - Betty + I went over to play piano for awhile

16 before church. Then went to P.U.M.C. Peking Union Medical College - a most marvelous place (I forget whether I told you this or not -) the college of the finest equipped hospitals in the world - Rockefeller foundation - I have combined wonderful Chinese Art + modern science for sanitation etc - Really is a wonderful place, - The cost is $8 million - There is a very fine chapel — with pipe organ in connection. Here they have church Sun. A.M. in English. Many Chinese too attend — We went this A.M. + the most stirring thing of all I've seen in China was this wonderful fine Christian Chinese minister leading the

evidence that first image
of man in God's has been
marred and here in sharp
contrast is the result
of the Holy Spirit's work
in restoring the image
thru Jesus Christ! It has
been a day of almost
exulting joy. I can't
describe the joy one has
in seeing these Chinese
worshipping God. I can see
a bit of joy the early
pioneers must have had
when after years of fruit-
less effort converts would
step out!! It is such a
wondrous testimony. I feel
it a fitting blessing for

service + prayer! all else
the temples, curios etc
all are a bit marred in
reality because of some
of sin, dirt, + heathen-
ish practices - but there
was that splendid man
praying the most
eloquent prayer I've
ever heard - in English -
marvelously beautiful
language but more than
that so simple, reverent,
and powerful. Truly our
God is God of nations!
all nations & is no respecter
of persons! It seems so
significant to me -
We see so much of

this day! How happy I am to be live - How I do love these chaps - God give us all a real passion for their souls. Will close now & go to bed it is 11 o'clock & I want to get up early. Goodnight precious ones! How I love you & my heart goes out to you but somehow you seem quite near - we are near in Him." God bless & keep you well & safe & we all

Best love to all!

Love -

How I praise God for all of you!